Punctuality index of Airlines

1. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what is the punctuality index of Air India, Indian Airlines and Vayudoot from June 25, 1991 till date; and

(b) what steps Government are taking to improve the punctuality of flights in all these undertakings?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) The punctuality index of Air India, Indian Airlines and Vayudoot are given below:—

(i) Air India 78.50 per cent (for the period 25-6-91—18-8-91).

(ii) Indian Airlines 70.14 per cent (for the period 25-6-91—19-8-91).

(ii) Vayudoot 79 per cent (for the period 24-6-91—4-8-91).

(b) The punctuality of the operations is being closely monitored and timely remedial steps are being taken to impove the on-time performance of the airlines. However, there are fatcors beyond the control of the airlines which often affect the punctuality of their operations

Modern Navigational Aids at Airports

2. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of airports at present which are without modern navigational aids;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Shiv Shankar Bhatt Commission had made recommendations in this regard;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) action being taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA):

(a) to (d) A statement is laid on the table of the House.

Statement

(a) The modernisation of equipment and upgradation of facilities at airports is a continuing process and is taken up in a phased manner, depending upon the requirements projected by the operators (Airlines) as well as availability of resources.

(b) to (d) The Court of Inquiry has recommended that it would be advisable to have at least Category I Instrument Landing System (ILS) installed at every airport in India and for every runway used by jet aircraft on scheduled services. The National Airports Authority is already installing Instrument Landing System (ILS) facilities at many airports in India. To install an ILS on every airport and on every runway would require heavy capital investment and an ILS may not be necessary in airports which are in frequently used.

Different Uniforms for Air India Crew on V.V.I.P. Flights

3. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Air India Management has instructed the cabin crew to wear different uniforms on special VVIP flights than those worne on the normal flights;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the cabin crew have suggested that there should be identical uniforms on all flights; and